



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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September 27, 2004

Planting of Small Grains Begins

Farmers have begun planting **barley** and **wheat** for the 2005 crop season. Barley was 13 percent planted, 11 percent above last year and 10 percent above the five-year average. Wheat was 4 percent planted, above last year and the five-year average. Weather conditions have been very favorable to planting small grains and harvesting corn and sorghum. There were 6.2 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 26, 2004.

Corn harvest advanced 18 percent this week to 36 percent, 19 percent above last year and 5 percent above the five-year average. **Soybeans** are making good progress with 57 percent turning color and 25 percent dropping leaves. A few farmers are starting to harvest their soybean crop. Cutting of 4th crop **alfalfa** and **other hay** increased to 72 percent and 40 percent, respectively.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	59	51	33	42
Corn for Grain	36	18	17	31
Corn for silage	85	72	52	74
Sorghum	25	20	0	14
Crop Progress:				
Corn Mature	86	69	66	77
Soybeans Turning Color	57	48	26	50
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	25	14	6	25
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	72	50	25	56
Alfalfa Hay 5 th Cutting	6	0	1	3
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	40	14	20	40
Planted Progress:				
Barley	13	0	2	3
Winter Wheat	4	0	0	1

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	3	16	32	46
Pasture	0	6	31	36	27
Soybeans	2	4	16	52	26

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	2	15	78	5
Topsoil (2003)	0	0	54	46
Five Year Avg	4	20	64	13
Subsoil Moisture	3	6	88	3
Subsoil (2003)	0	0	58	42
Five Year Avg	13	20	55	11

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CLIMATE REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 9/26/2004

Maryland	County	Temperature			Departure from Normal
		Max	Min	Avg	
		Degrees F			
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	79	41	61.4	3.4
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	87	43	65.4	2.1
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	85	41	64.3	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	85	40	63.6	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	86	46	66.8	1.8
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	-	-
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	84*	44*	62.5*	-4.4
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	82	47	63.1	-2.9
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	89*	1*	57.8*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	86	47	66.7	1.6
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	81	49	65.1	0.6
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	86*	47*	65.4*	0.8

Maryland	County	Growing Degree Days	Departure from Normal	Precipitation (Inches)	Departure from Normal
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	93	19	0.00	-0.82
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	0.00	-0.86
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	118	10	0.00	-0.70
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	111	-	0.00	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	109	-	0.00	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	122	5	0.00	-0.91
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	0.00	-1.12
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	85*	-36	0.03	-0.81
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	96	-15	0.00	-1.04
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	95*	-	0.00*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	120	8	0.02	-0.91
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	109	2	0.00	-1.13
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	97*	-19	0.00*	-0.95

*indicates incomplete weekly value
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